

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Tom Humphrey on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Tom Humphrey is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty years as a reporter for the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, during which time he covered the state political news beat and earned a reputation as a tough but fair journalist who earned the respect of his readers and the legislators who were often faced with answering his tough questions. In recognition of his years of experience and his expertise in all matters journalistic and political, Mr. Humphrey is known as the “Dean of the Hill”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Humphrey recently embarked upon a much-deserved retirement. He is now pursuing a life which involves, according to him, “half as much work and twice as much fishing”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the *Knoxville News Sentinel*, Tom Humphrey founded and ran one of Tennessee’s most influential and highly respected political blogs, *Humphrey on the Hill*; and

WHEREAS, throughout his sterling career, Mr. Humphrey held as his central tenet the belief that journalists have a responsibility to question political leaders and to hold government officials accountable; and

WHEREAS, Tom Humphrey exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Humphrey has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Tom Humphrey our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.